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1. The Synthesewerk Schwarzheide (N 52/A 23) formerly belonged to the Brown 25X1X Coal and Gasoline Corporation (Drabag). After the Soviet occupation it was declared Soviet property. Since 1946 it has belonged to the Synthese Soviet A.G.
2. The following persons were reported as Soviet general managers: in April 1949, Capt. Abdulilayev, (fnu), *; in mid-May 1949, Popolev, (fnu); and on 5 August 1949 Kopokov, (fnu). The German manager, Maertens *, fled to the West in the autumn of 1949. According to a report of February 1950, the following German managers were still employed: technical manager, Weiss, (fnu); commercial manager, Wehnert, (fnu); and chief of personnel, Eberlein, (fnu).
3. The labor force consists of about 5,000, working in three 8-hour shifts. A special staff of about 100 Soviet and German engineers is also employed.
4. Gasoline is the main product of the plant. Slight amounts of paraffin and technical oils are produced, and possibly also margarine recently. According to reports not yet confirmed, preparations for the production of aviation gasoline are in progress. If this is true, the Soviet Zone of Germany would have a second hydrogenation plant producing aviation fuel, in addition to the Boehlen (N 52/K 29) Plant.
5. The entire plant production is shipped to the U.S.S.R. or to Soviet agencies in the Soviet Zone of Germany. Fuel deliveries have so far been received by the Soviet Headquarters in Dresden, Potsdam, and Koenigsbrueck (N 52/A 31). Part of the fuel shipments went directly to Moscow. Most of the fuel shipments are sent regularly to Koenigsbrueck.
6. The annual capacity of the plant amounts to about 95,00 tons of primary products. At this capacity, the annual fuel production, carburetor fuel and Diesel fuel, would be about 75,000 tons.
7. Until the end of 1949 the interior of the plant was supervised and controlled by a Soviet guard company of 100 men under the command of a Soviet captain. Early in 1950, the Soviet company was replaced by a German plant police unit of 100 men. However, a permanent Soviet MVD unit oversees the plant. The plant is protected by a double barbed-wire fence. The surroundings of the plant are patrolled by the police. All workmen and employees of the plant are bound to strictest secrecy.

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